

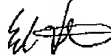
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REMARKS

The present amendment amends claims 5, 13, 17, and 22. These amendments are largely cosmetic in nature and do not limit the scope of the claims in any way. To the contrary, some of the amendments actually broaden the original claim scope.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the application in view of this preliminary amendment. If the Examiner has any questions or matters that can be expediently handled by telephone, he or she is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (206) 359-3848.

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